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SUBJECT: CSU ORGAN MAKES MAJOR EFFORT TO JUSTIFY KREUTH DECISION

1. DECEMBER 4 ISSUE OF CSU ORGAN "BAYERN KURIER" IS REplete WITH ARTICLES EXPLAINING AND JUSTIFYING KREUTH DECISION TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE CSU BUNDESTAG "FRAKTION." SOME ARTICLES CATALOGUE DISADVANTAGES OF JOINT "FRAKTION" FOR CSU, OTHERS ITEMIZE INSULTING REMARKS CDU LEADERS HAVE ALLEGEDLY MADE ABOUT CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS IN RECENT YEARS, AND STILL OTHERS CITE ANALYSIS BY JOURNALISTS, POLITICIANS (WEHNER AND SCHMIDT), AND SCHOLARS WHICH INTERPRET KREUTH DECISION AS ADVANTAGEOUS TO CSU AND UNION. ISSUE ALSO CARRIES NUMEROUS LETTERS TO EDITOR, VAST MAJORITY OF WHICH SUPPORT KREUTH DECISION.

2. COMMENT: THIS REPRESENTS MAJOR ORCHESTRATED EFFORT ON PARTY OF CSU LEADERSHIP TO CONVINCE RANK AND FILE AND CSU SYMPATHIZERS THAT KREUTH DECISION WAS CORRECT AND INDEED UNAVOIDABLE IF CDU AND CSU ARE EVER TO WIN MAJORITY IN
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